

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 remain pending. Claims 1-34 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 12, 19, and 23 are amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 35-37 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter is added herein as amendment to claims 1, 6, 12, 19, and 23 are supported at least at paragraph 47; additional claim 35 is supported at least at paragraph 45; additional claim 36 is supported at least at paragraph 38; and additional claim 37 is supported at least at paragraph 35 of the application as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-34 and consideration of additional claims 35-37 in view of at least the following remarks.

I. Claim Objections

The Patent Office objects to claims 1-5 because of the use of parenthetical expressions. Applicants disagree as the parenthetical expressions are used to indicate abbreviations for commonly used terms, as known in the art, so that the claims are easier to read. Such practice is well known at the Patent Office and in the field of patent prosecution. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the objection above.

II. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Patent Office rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants disagree, but have amended claim 12. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

III. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-5, 12-14, 16, 18-25, 27, 29, 30-31 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,947,014 to Wooten (“Wooten”).

It is axiomatic that for a claim to be anticipated every limitation of the claim must be disclosed in a single reference.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection above for independent claims 1, 6, 12, 19, 23 as amended, for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose video privacy logic within the computing device, wherein detecting the user has coupled the HID comprises detecting a product identification code of the HID, as required by the independent claims (claim 1 used representatively here). Wooten requires that the monitor auto-blanking system that is part of the eyewear display system 10, where the blanking system makes the user's computer screen go blank (see Abstract, Figure 1, and Col. 3, lines 34-40). For example, a principle of operation of Wooten is that the eyewear display system "is capable of attaching to any standard video connector, to provide the convenience of universal connection to computer systems." Consequently, it is against the principle of operation of Wooten noted above to have the privacy logic to disable the primary display and route video display data to the HID, within the computing device, as required by claim 1.

Moreover, Wooten does not describe or teach detecting a product identification code of the HID as required by the amended claims. By including the claimed detection of the identification code, embodiments described in the specification of the application, for example, without limitation thereto, provide the benefits of: (1) allowing the computer to confirm that a privacy device has been detected, prior to blanking the computer's screen (e.g., see paragraph 45 of the specification and additional claim 35); (2) identifying the privacy device product by code, thus allowing the computer to configure the video data for transmission and output to specific products using various buses and interfaces (e.g., see paragraphs 38 and 45, and additional claim 36); (3) such as by supporting data coherency via "snooping" and performing address translation (e.g., see paragraph 35 and additional claim 37). However, the reference does not describe or teach such benefits.

For claim 1, it can also be appreciated that a benefit of receiving such product identification codes and allowing the computing device to configure the data for various HID's according to the identification codes received, such that it is not

necessary for the properties of the HID screen to be manipulated by the eyewear display system, such as required at col. 4, lines 11-19 of Wooten.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above of claim 16 for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose or teach enabling the primary display device when the privacy device is uncoupled from the port of the computing device. Wooten teaches retracting the connection device for easy storage (see col. 3, lines 41-42). However, the Patent Office has not identified and Applicants are unable to find any teaching in Wooten of the above noted limitation of claim 16. Specifically, there is no description, disclosure, or enablement of such capability in Wooten.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above for claim 18. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 16 applies here as well, but with respect to monitoring whether the privacy device continues to be coupled to the port, as required by claim 18. Specifically, there is no description, disclosure, teaching or enablement of such monitoring in Wooten.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above of claim 31 for at least the reason that the reference does not teach prompting the user with the primary display device to inquire whether the HID is a privacy device as required by claim 31. It can be appreciated that such an embodiment, without limitation thereto, provides the advantage of allowing the computing device to control blanking of the display device and sending of the video signal to the HID, such as using various interfaces and for various HID's (e.g., see paragraphs 38, 46, and 50-53). However, none of the references describe such benefits.

Any dependent claims not mentioned herein are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations required by each dependent claim. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above for any dependent claims.

Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above.

IV. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Patent Office rejects claims 15, 17, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wooten in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0045484 to Eck, et al. ("Eck"). To be obvious, each limitation of the claim must be taught or suggested by at least one properly combined reference.

Applicants disagree with the rejection above to claim 17 for at least the reason that, in addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, claim 17 requires one of start sending video display data to the primary display device, stop sending blank screen data to the primary display device and stop sending splash screen data to the primary display device. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 16 applies here as well, but with respect to the above noted limitation of claim 17. That is, Wooten does not describe, disclose, teach, enable, or make obvious the above noted limitations of claim 17.

The Patent Office has not identified and Applicants are unable to find any teaching in ECK that cures the failure of Wooten noted above.

The Patent Office rejects claims 6-11 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wooten in view of US Patent Publication 2005/0012749 to Gonzalez et al. (Gonzalez). Applicants disagree with the rejection of these claims for at least the reasons noted above for claim 1. Moreover, Gonzalez fails to cure the failures of Wooten noted above for claim 1.

The Patent Office rejects claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wooten in view of Gonzalez in claims 6-11 and 32, further in view of US Patent Publication 2004/0201544 to Love et al. (Love).

Love fails to cure the deficiencies noted above for Wooten, and Gonzalez.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above of claim 32 for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose detecting coupling of a second HID to a second port of the

computing device as required by claim 32. It can be appreciated that a benefit of such an embodiment, without limitation thereto, includes allowing multiple users to view a private display (e.g., see paragraph 33 of the specification). However, the cited references do not disclose or describe such benefits.

Any dependent claims not mentioned herein are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations required by each dependent claim. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above for any dependent claims.

Hence, for at least the reasons above, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

VII. Additional Claims 35-37

Applicants submit that additional claims 35-37 are allowable for at least the reasons given above in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations of claims 35-37.

Specifically, claims 35-37 include additional limitations which Applicant was unable to find described in the cited sections of the cited references. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office allow additional claims 35-37.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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Respectfully submitted,

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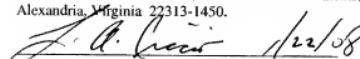
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